

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for suppressing mold formation on building parts using hydrophobic substances, comprising

applying a dispersion to the surface of the part to be protected from mold attack; and  
removing the dispersant,

wherein the dispersion comprises an organic dispersant comprising characterized in  
~~that a dispersion of hydrophobic particles having comprising a mean particle diameter of~~  
~~from 0.005 to 5  $\mu$ m in an organic dispersant is applied to the surface to be protected from~~  
~~mold attack and the dispersant is then removed.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a dispersion ~~containing~~ comprising from 0.1 to 10% by weight, based on the dispersant, of hydrophobic particles is used.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~as claimed in at least one of claims 1 and 2~~, characterized in that the hydrophobic particles used are those which comprise a material selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, titanium oxide, zirconium oxide, polytetrafluoroethylene homopolymer, polytetrafluoroethylene copolymers ~~or~~ and mixtures thereof.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that a dispersion which comprises ethanol, ethanol and/or isopropanol, or a combination thereof, as the dispersant is used.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 ~~as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 4~~, characterized in that ~~the application of~~ the dispersion is applied ~~effected~~ by spraying on.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A composition for building parts which inhibits mold growth, characterized in that it comprises from 0.1 to 10% by weight of hydrophobic particles ~~having~~ comprising a mean particle diameter of from 0.005 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$  dispersed in an organic dispersant.

Claim 7 (Original): The composition which inhibits mold growth as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that it comprises an alcohol as the organic dispersant.

Claim 8 (New): The method of claim 2, characterized in that the hydrophobic particles used are those which comprise a material selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, titanium oxide, zirconium oxide, polytetrafluoroethylene homopolymer, polytetrafluoroethylene copolymers and mixtures thereof.

Claim 9 (New): The method of claim 2, characterized in that a dispersion which comprises ethanol, isopropanol, or a combination thereof as the dispersant is used.

Claim 10 (New): The method of claim 3, characterized in that a dispersion which comprises ethanol, isopropanol, or a combination thereof as the dispersant is used.

Claim 11 (New): The method of claim 2, characterized in that the dispersion is applied by spraying on.

Claim 12 (New): The method of claim 3, characterized in that the dispersion is applied by spraying on.

Claim 13 (New): The method of claim 4, characterized in that the dispersion is applied by spraying on.